Things to Do at Fermilab

If you're looking for opportunities to learn about science and have a little fun, Fermilab has you covered. Here's a quick guide to some of what we have to offer.



Welcome to Fermilab, the country's only Department of Energy laboratory dedicated to particle physics. The public areas of our 6,800-acre site are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. from November to March, and from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. the rest of the year. A photo ID is all you need to enter the Fermilab site. Just tell the guard at the gate the purpose of your visit.

You're welcome to roam the public areas, visit our herd of buffalo, fish in our ponds (with a valid Illinois fishing license) and take photographs. Be sure to pick up a Visitor's Guide and Map, available at the front desk in Wilson Hall, for valuable information about the site and its natural areas. If you want to experience more of what Fermilab is all about, here are some suggestions for you.

Guided Tours

Fermilab offers guided tours on most Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m., and on some Sundays as part of our Ask-a-Scientist program. You can check the calendar at ed.fnal.gov. Tours for groups of 10 or more are available by appointment—call 630-840-5588. Individuals or small groups can ask to be added to scheduled group tours, if possible.

Lederman Science Center

The Leon Lederman Science Education Center is chock full of hands-on science exhibits for students in grades 5-12. It is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Groups of six or more must book a visit by calling 630-840-8258. Learn more at ed.fnal.gov/lsc.

Ask-a-Scientist Program

On the first Sunday afternoon of most months, Fermilab offers visitors a chance to mingle with our scientists, and get a behind-the-scenes look at one of our projects or experiments. You'll get to visit the 15th floor of Wilson Hall, hear a talk from one of our scientists, and then get to ask questions one on one. Call 630-840-5588 to register.

Arts and Culture

Fermilab regularly hosts public events in Ramsey Auditorium, including lectures and arts performances. For a schedule, visit www.fnal.gov/culture. Order tickets by calling 630-840-2787.

More Information

For more on visiting Fermilab, go to www.fnal.gov/pub/visiting. For up-to-date info on events and site access, please check the Fermilab website at www.fnal.gov, or call the Office of Communication at 630-840-3351.



